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The serious side —

Missouri Governor Christopher Bond, left, discusses the MSU budget and other matters concerning the University's future, with Board of Regents President William F. Phares.

Dr. Tackett dies of heart attack

Dr. William Marshall Tackett, associate professor of psychology at MSU, died at approximately 9 p.m. Sunday at the St. Francis Hospital as a result of a heart attack.

Born at Martinsville, Ind., he did his undergraduate work at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and received his masters and doctoral degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. He is a member of Indiana State Hall of Fame and helped in founding three boys' clubs, two of which are still in operation.

His teaching experience spanned a period of 39 years, 11 as a psychology professor at MSU. Before coming to MSU in 1964, he taught at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., where he was an education instructor for six years. He then joined the Purdue University administration, Lafayette, Ind., for eight years as a director of admissions on their Calumet campus.

Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Tackett holds membership in Blue Key, senior men's honorary fraternity and Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday in the Charles Johnson Theater. Dr. Robert P. Foster delivered the eulogy. A prayer was delivered by Chuck Bissinger, with music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sanford.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Price Funeral Home. The body was taken to Mercer, Wis. for burial.

A memorial basketball scholarship fund has been established. Persons wishing to donate may send their contributions to Everett Brown, assistant to the president.

In addition to Dr. Tackett's wife, Natalie, a member of the English department, survivors include his four children: Roland, Scott, William and Renee.

Cuts and omissions—

MSU tightens 75-76 budget

MSU's 1975-76 fiscal budget which shows a loss of \$444,654 from appropriated monies was approved last week.

The figure of \$8,961,242 for education and general operating expenditures is based on recommendations made by Governor Bond. General revenue is the source of \$6,492,534 of the budget, while the remainder of the figure will be obtained from student fees, and local and federal programs.

The original figure requested for the budget stood at \$9,161,242, following the formula recommended by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

A \$200,000 cut in funds resulted from money earned from Industry Services for the library program in fiscal year 1975. A reduction of \$244,654 from general revenue was based on anticipated Industry Services income during the new fiscal year.

President Foster made a statement to the effect that the university should not be "penalized" for producing extra income in addition to the budget figure. But appropriated funds were cut by the amount equal to earnings from local funds.

One drastic cut made in the budget omits funds for instructional equipment. Anticipated gifts from alumni organizations, according to Dr. Foster, will enable the University to acquire such equipment.

Other maneuvers to offset budget cuts include keeping operations budgets for instructional programs the same as last year, and combining the Guidance and Counseling Department with the Department of Psychology for more efficient use of personnel.

Also moving high rise dormitory food services to the Student Union cafeteria will save approximately \$120,000. This savings is close to the \$137,802 anticipated deficit for fiscal year 1976.

The high rise dining room will be used as a snack bar and recreation area, to supplement existing Union facilities.

Budget expenditures have been broken into six areas: instruction, \$4,407,166; research, \$15,368; academic support, \$972,327; student services, \$750,335; institutional services, \$2,215,192; financial aids, \$691,880.

Dr. Foster received authorization to investigate advertising MSU in the Kansas City media as a recruitment aid. The university needs at least 90 per cent occupancy in the dormitories, for the housing system to be self-supporting.

An occupancy rate of 71.55 per cent has been anticipated for fall semester. If the advertising campaign is approved by the Regents after Dr. Foster's investigation, it will be viewed as an aid to recruitment which will hopefully boost dorm occupancy toward the 90 per cent figure.

Approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be considered for annual advertising expenditures if the plan is approved. The advertising campaign would then be planned by the University, using staffs and facilities of MSU broadcasting.

An area of the budget which was not cut drastically is funds for library acquisitions. The library will receive \$126,000 to offset an annual theft loss of \$30,000 to \$40,000 which has been declining since the installation of a new security system.

Departmental budgets have been maintained at the same figure as last year, with some departments receiving more funds, within the budget, for special research projects. Departments that have had previous research projects, but do not have any projects for the coming year, received funds in proportion to their needs.



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Dr. Tackett's interests
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Cafeteria relocation— lesser of two evils

With the recent announcement that MSU will operate both dining facilities under the roof of the J. W. Jones Student Union, comes outraged criticism from students who believe they've been ruthlessly uprooted from their comfortable meal-time surroundings.

The arguments that the re-location will cause little inconvenience because most students are near the Union cafeteria at meal-time are valid ones, but not nearly so valid when compared to the monetary savings.

The proposed plan will save approximately \$100,000 in the food service operation. This savings should prove to be a big financial plus for the housing budget, which has in the past operated on a low figure because enrollment figures and students opting to live in residence halls have declined.

The plan to re-locate—inconvenient that it may be—seems to be the lesser of two evils. The administration was faced with two options: either make a substantial increase in food service charges so that they are no longer competitive with other state universities, or centralize the dining facilities under one roof.

This is not to say that the high rise dining facility will become defunct. Hopefully, it will be utilized as a snack bar and pizza area, a games and recreation area and annex to the bookstore.

Students need voice in retirement issue

Ever since the state legislators passed a bill requiring teachers to retire at age 65, a determined number of educators have joined in an anti-mandatory retirement movement. They believe that age should not be the sole criterion for filling a job, but that a person should continue working beyond age 65 as long as he or she is productive.

In light of numerous mandatory retirements from the MSU faculty and staff this academic year, the issue has "hit home" in all but a few of our university's departments.

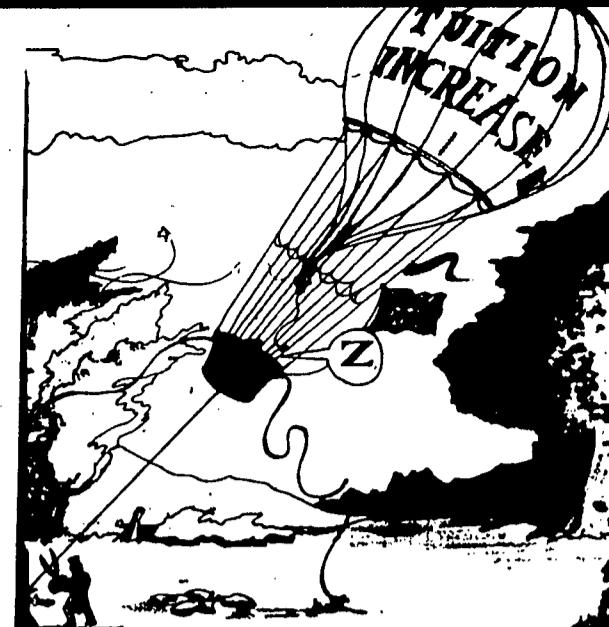
We frequently express regrets that our favorite teachers are going to leave our academic community—often times against their will. But too few of us ever stop to actively consider an alternative to this problem of forced infringement on our "right to work."

According to Donald J. Chase in this article "Mandatory Retirement," appearing in the January 1975 Education Digest, arguments against mandatory retirement include the beliefs in "rights for the elderly," the "right to work," and the right of "not being fired without a hearing."

The movement, which is now in the courts, is currently sweeping some trades, crafts and professions.

From a student's standpoint, perhaps the most effective argument is simply that we are being denied instruction from some of our most knowledgeable and experienced professors in our major fields because of their forced retirement.

Naturally there are those teachers who have exhausted their teaching capacity over the long years and yet refuse to take leave of their positions. And there are those who fail to recognize their own physical and mental limitations, and the need to retire for



The residents of the high rise dormitories are not being "picked on" by the administration, who seem to be playing the devil's advocates in this situation. Cutbacks are evident throughout the campus in order to prevent an impending financial crisis.

Rid of all emotional feelings and visions of braving blizzards and monsoons for meals, most rational students should agree that walking a bit further for meals is a lesser inconvenience than facing the financial consequences.

the stroller

Oh wow! It's Saturday... and despite my two left feet and a-muscular frame, I feel like doing something really physical.

So I broke out my Billie Jean King endorsed tennies—recently purchased at the half-price sales—tightened a few strings on my moth-eaten racket and trucked on over to the tennis courts. No sooner had I loosened my forearm volley when a barrage of white-shorted, racket-bearing Jimmy Connor idols swarmed the courts.

The next thing I knew I was being attacked by a big blue ball-basher spitting fuzzy green bullets across the net. I figured the "John Byrd Society" had finally infiltrated, and bid a hasty retreat to Lamkin Gym.

Changing to my "Pro-Keds" and "stolen from MSU athletic department" tee-shirt, I checked out a round ball and decided to try my luck at a little one-on-one. My free throws couldn't miss and I thrived to at the swish of my lay-ups until I was un-

health reasons. Also, retirements leave openings in departments—openings which help keep "fresh blood" in the ranks of the faculty personnel.

Recognizing, then, the fact that some retirements are needed, the question that requires our utmost attention is just how do we separate those faculty who should retire from those who are productively valuable to our University.

Should we accept the law as it stands—which ironically was made by our legislators, who are in their 60's... 70's... and even older? Should the age 65 arbitrarily determine when an educator's usefulness had ended, forcing him to become "the dumping ground of human hope?"

We feel that the alternative to the problem lies in the students themselves. The only valid way to determine a person's need to retire is to measure his effectiveness in his teaching position.

And who are more qualified to evaluate a teacher's effectiveness than his students?

Therefore, we are of the opinion that the majority of upperclassmen and graduate students can handle the responsibility of objectively evaluating the need to retire or retain a faculty member.

Perhaps this personal consideration of each retiree is a bit idealistic. It certainly would not work in all professions. But we suggest that the student is the best possible judge of the teacher's productivity, and the formulation of a valid evaluation sheet to be filled out by upperclassmen in their respective departments would alleviate the unfortunate loss of some of our best teachers, as well as postulate a valuable method of maintaining quality educators in all fields.

mercifully driven off the floor by 100 dribbling "Pistol" Pete Marovich look-alikes. I'd forgotten—the basketball clinic.

The whistles blowing, I knew it was time for the showers, but my "never say 'Dye'" attitude encouraged me to give it one last college try.

I shed my rubber soles and tiptoed into Martindale for a go on the trampoline... but discovered that I had walked into the middle of 1,000 back-flipping, hand-springing Kathi Rigby's. Uh-oh... the gymnastics clinic.

My athletic aspirations exhausted, I went back to my room, selected a good book and strolled toward the pond for some intellectual solitude under my favorite elm. But as fate might have it, my Emerson and Thoreau could not compete with the chants of "hold that line!" echoing over the area... what else but the cheerleading camp!

Gee, I sure wish I was back in high school so that I could enjoy the University facilities too!

Student stays young, vibrant through education

When most people think of an MSU coed, they conjure up visions of a blue-jean clad young woman who flits from place to place like a butterfly.

That stereotype cannot be associated with Helen Burris, 81, who attends the University on an audition basis. "I'm not here for the credits, just for the education," she explained.

"After you get the age I am nobody needs you and . . . your brain starts to deteriorate if you don't use it," she said, with just a hint of wistfulness in her wise, old eyes. "I'm determined not to let that happen."

That strong determination is exactly what brought Helen, as she prefers to be called, back to the University to continue an education she began 61 years ago.

"Everyone I meet is my superior and from him I must learn something." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

After her brief college education she taught for three years in one-room country schools in Bolckow Mo., and Elmo, Mo., but gave that up "because she was homesick for the farm." She moved to a farm near Maryville, where she has since lived except for a 10 year venture in the music business world.

During her semi-retirement she has been active in the Nodaway County Humane Society, of which she is presently serving as president. "I can't stand to see animals die mercilessly," she said.

For years she has employed college students to do her farming, and "even though they've gone their separate ways they still write and bring their girlfriends to see me."

Helen believes that her herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle knew her when she walked into the lot. "Sis," one hired man said, "they can sense it when you're around."

She never sent her cattle directly to market because she "couldn't stand to see them die." She

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realizes that the killing of cattle is a part of the environmental process, but she doesn't want to be a part of it. She avoids direct participation by selling her cattle to someone else, who, in turn, sends them to market.

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She enjoys the daily interaction with her younger classmates, and they apparently enjoy her. She overheard one student, whom she described as "very courteous and very lovely," say, "I like to hear the things she has to say."

"Meeting the young people and getting their ideas" is one of the greatest rewards her rather unique educational career holds for her. "We have so much to learn from each other."

In her simple country home she poured out her not-so-simple philosophies of life. "To absorb education gives you ideas, and everything involves ideas," she said.

She also feels that "life is a matter of values." One of the values she concerns herself with is truth. "Without truth," she said, "there is nothing."

Like Buddha, she feels that "all misery is due to the lack of knowledge of the truth," and like Webster she believes that "truth is the agreement with reality."

A self-proclaimed transcendentalist, Helen identified closely with Ralph Waldo Emerson who theorizes that man and nature are mere reflections of all perfect things.

She agrees with Emerson and quoted, "Everyone I meet is my superior and from him I must learn something."

Her teachers are no exception. Dr. Mike Morris, instructor of physical education at MSU, and Helen's health instructor, said, "The kids are getting a big bonus by having her in class. It's like having your cake and eating it, too."

"We have so much to learn from each other." — Helen Burris

He describes his class as "controversial . . . polarized . . . argumentative at times . . . but very open and very tolerant."

"A class with an age span of 18-81 is bound to have opposing value standards," Morris said, "but they've adjusted and learned to be more tolerant and have a feeling of respect for each other."

"They're learning there is no right or wrong—just a 'different,'" he said.

"I've had no other class like this since I've taught on this campus," he said. "It's just been a joy to have her in class!" Many people share Morris' feelings that "it's been a joy" to have Helen in school. The feelings are not one-sided—it's been a joy for Helen, too.

She possesses a rare reverence for life—a reverence that has kept her current with the times, knowledgeable and 81 years young.

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STONY BROOK, N.Y. — (EARTH NEWS) — Six students from the State University of New York at Stony Brook have filed suit against college officials in federal court here, demanding the abolition of a requirement that all freshmen under 21 years of age must live in campus dormitories. The suit also challenges a requirement that these students must pay for 10 meals a week at campus dining halls. The students claim the rules are unconstitutional since 18-year-olds are considered adults under New York state law.

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Regents approve Amendment III

The Board of Regents approved the addition of Amendment III to the First Faculty Senate Constitution during the opening meeting on July 17.

The First Faculty Senate recently considered adding Amendment III to the faculty constitution. The Senate voted to recommend the proposal to the general faculty with ballots for voting purposes.

The aspects of Amendment III considered by the Senate include: Proposals for one time course offerings below 500 level which use the properly designated course numbers for the offerings. This will be considered by a review committee and the Graduate Council and will be subject to challenge by a majority vote of the committee.

Proposals for one time offerings providing technical credit will also be considered by the Technical Education

Council and will be subject to challenge by a majority vote of the committee. The actions of the review committee which are not challenged will be reported to the Faculty Senate but will not be subject to challenge before implementation.

One time course offerings in the past did not have faculty consideration except those at the 500 and 600 levels. To utilize the standard routing for courses which make use of specifically designated course numbers for these offerings will eliminate time consumption both from the standpoint of the proposal originators and those in the groups considering them.

From time to time short courses and one time offerings are proposed and even financed by off-campus agencies but approval is often needed as soon as possible and in a shorter period of time than the standard routing procedures could provide.



The friendly side—

President Robert P. Foster and William F. Phares, Board of Regents President, welcome Gov. Christopher Bond to the university campus.



bear facts

The Union Board is sponsoring a bus trip to Kansas City Aug. 1 to see the Oakland A's-Royals game.

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Long retires after lifetime as educator

Education, as student and teacher, has made up Myrl Long's entire life. He will retire at the end of the 1975 summer school session, after 27 years service as a physical science professor at MSU.

"Teaching, that's all I've done all of my life," said Long as he approaches retirement. Conversation with Long makes it obvious that education has been a very important part of his life.

After Long's father died when he was nine years old, he had to look out for himself. He had a four and a half mile hike to and from high school his sophomore year. Upon graduation from high school, he borrowed money so he could go on to college where he studied for a year and took a position in a country school for two years. After gaining more financial support, Long returned to school, trying to finish while working as a dishwasher and lab assistant.

Like many others, he graduated in the middle of the Great Depression. He found a job as principal of an elementary school, earning approximately \$110 a year at a time while most teachers averaged a salary of \$40 a month. Obviously, money wasn't Long's only goal.

Eventually Long instructed every level of students ranging from first grade to graduate students. Long has happy memories of his years as an educator.

Long reflected on his philosophy towards students, saying "As a teacher, I believe I have the

responsibility of helping students learn, and to help students develop an interest in learning. I think a teacher should have the welfare of a student at heart."

Long believes that, "while you can't love teaching, you can love the students enough to do everything you can to help them. Even though this may sometimes lead to embarrassment when you find your help and advice not accepted, you still have the responsibility of doing what you can."

Besides all of Long's personal devotion to his work, he is active in many other areas. In 1960, he won the highest Scout award, the Silver Beaver. He is also very active in many other groups, such as Lions Club, American Chemical Society, Missouri State Teachers Association, American Association of University Professors, Masonic Lodge, Lambda Sigma Tau, the honorary science fraternity, and for years sponsor of Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity. Long was likewise on the first Faculty Senate one year ago, and served for 22 years on the Advanced Standing Committee.

Long hopes he has lived up to his goal to have made some impression on his students, and to have done what was best for the student in every instance.

After 45 years of continuous service in education, only missing two days because of illness, Long and his wife will hopefully find themselves in Hawaii and Europe in the near future.

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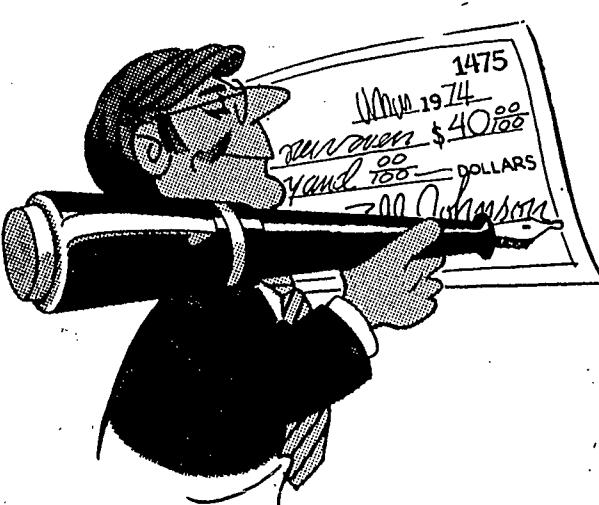
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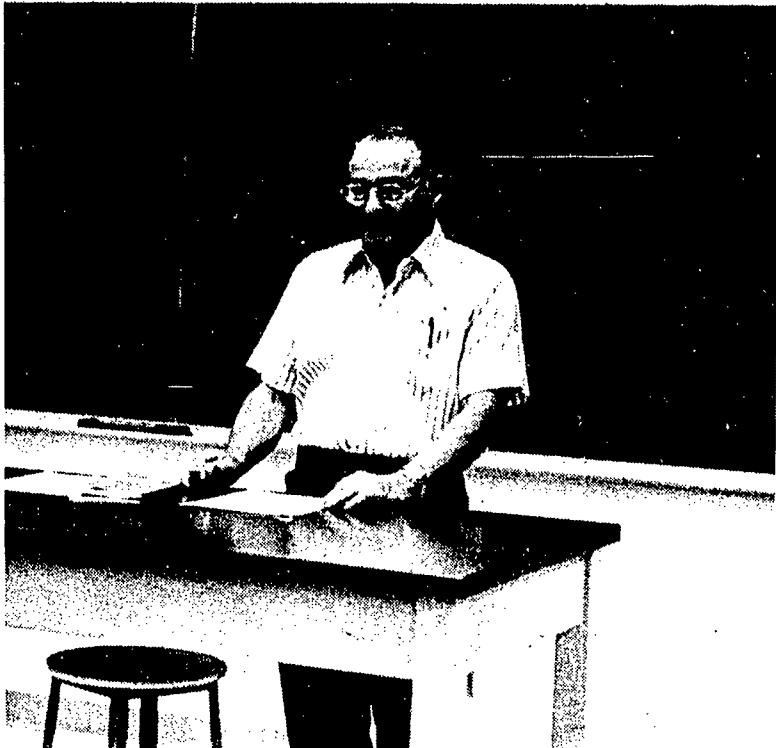
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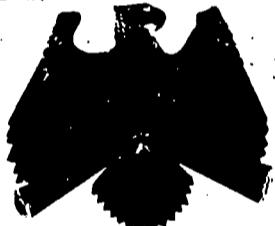
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World Weekly



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New York—

Continental Grain Co. has announced completion of an agreement to sell 5.6 million metric tons of corn and barley to Russia for more than \$600 million. This is the third major U.S.-Soviet grain deal of 1975.

Helena, Montana—

A 22-year-old Crow-Blackfoot Indian, Bernie Morning Gun, has reported he was paid \$1,500 in \$100 bills by FBI agents to spy on the American Indian Movement.

Buenos Aires—

More power to labor within the administration of President Isabel Peron was given by the second cabinet shuffle in less than two weeks.

Columbia—

A study has revealed that many women faculty members at the University of Missouri-Columbia appear to be substantially underpaid in comparison with men.

Washington, D. C.—

President Gerald Ford's proposal to take the price lid off domestic crude oil was killed in the House late yesterday as the White House and Congress dead-locked again in their dispute over a national energy policy.

Simmons outlines cafeteria changes

This fall students in the high rise dorms will be eating their meals in the Union cafeteria instead of in the accommodations provided at the dorms' location. The facilities will be converted into a recreational and snack bar area.

Del Simmons, director of food services, has stated that this is one of several efforts being made by the University to curtail growing expenses and to offset the decline in enrollment. As there will be fewer students living in the dorms this fall, only one dining area is necessary to handle the students. By closing the cafeteria the University will save an estimated \$120,000.

Simmons believes that this will not be a serious inconvenience to students living in the high rise dorms. The dining area in the Union has accommodated as many as 1900 students at one time and there should not be a shortage of room.

in the cafeteria. At least three lines will be kept going at all times during the dining hours.

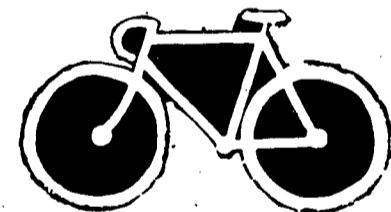
Simmons added that this will be a convenience for many students who will be able to eat breakfast on the way to morning classes and have lunch in the Union rather than walking back to the dorm cafeteria.

Since the move will be on a temporary basis, there will not be a lot of renovation involved at the high-rise-cafeteria to convert it to the planned recreation area. Walls set up in the building will be the movable type that can be easily arranged and quickly removed. Much of the downstairs equipment will be moved upstairs for faster use when the cafeteria begins its new functions.

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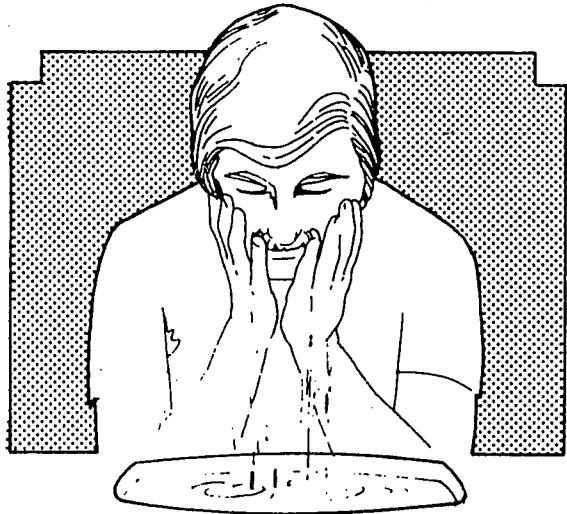
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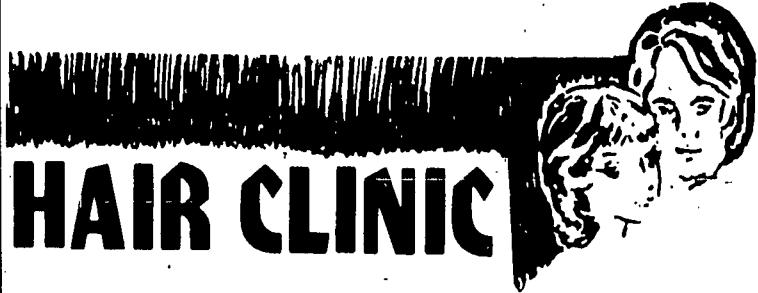


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**She flies
through the air...**

Pig-tailed Linda Shipp, a grade school student from St. Joseph, performs her workout on the trampoline as fellow campers do the spotting.

Campers have ups, downs

Dangling arms and legs along with chattering voices have penetrated MSU's gymnasiums with gymnastic camps this past week.

Sixty girls have taken up residence in Millikan Hall to better their practical skills in a gym. Miss Sandra Mull, gymnastics coach, is in charge of the camp.

Their day stretches from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. with three breaks, one each in the morning and afternoon, and a lunch break. They work out at night from 7 to 9.

These work-outs are performed on various pieces of

equipment including trampolines, vaulting, balance beams, uneven bars. Tumbling and floor exercises are also practiced.

After one full day of leaping around, most of their comments all boiled down to being tired and sore. There were a lot of dragging feet toward the end of the day, but a lot of cheerful smiles and excited voices.

They divide into six groups according to age levels which range from third grade to seniors in high school. Each group spends approximately 40 minutes on each piece of

equipment each day. At the end of the week, they will have a meet for competition among themselves.

Many commented about the days to come. Most of the girls stated that they had learned a lot because their instructors were very patient with them. They also said they were eager to keep working so as to acquire better skills as the week progressed.

However, the practical work isn't all that is involved. They are required to be in by 9:30 and bed-check is at 10 p.m., but who sleeps? Apparently it's the time to get rowdy.

The girls conjured up a new night sport in the dorm which involves things like playing catch with white deodorant lids in the dark, or pounding on the wall and waking up your neighbor at 2 in the morning. After all, what's life without a few pranks here and there?

The majority of the girls think it's a great experience, as many of them have returned for the second time and many others look forward to returning.



Field's Clothing

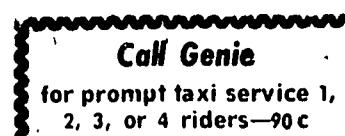
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LOS ANGELES — (EARTH NEWS) — At last, there's going to be a nationally televised awards show exclusively honoring rock music. Don Kirshner Enterprises, CBS-TV and the National Association of Progressive Radio Announcers (NAPRA) have teamed up to create the first-ever Rock Awards, to be presented live on CBS on August 9th.

The awards show is to be quite a spectacle with scores of top rock artists performing from several stages and presenting and receiving trophies in about 15 categories. Some 12,000 persons are expected to be on hand for the broadcast from the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The organizers are saying that this will be the first awards show to represent the wide spectrum of rock artists and styles. The nominations are being made by a panel consisting of top-name rock critics

and the national committee of NAPRA. The winners will be determined by a nationwide ballot of radio announcers conducted through the progressive announcers organization.

(EARTH NEWS) — Marvin Worth, the producer of "Lenny," plans next to film a semi-fictional biography of Janis Joplin. The feature length movie will be titled "Pearl," and the leading candidate for the role of Janis reportedly is a relatively unknown singer by the name of Nancy Nevins. Nevins recently released her first single, a tune called "Don't Hold Back."

FREEHOLD, N.J. (EARTH NEWS) — A Superior Court judge has demanded the reinstatement of a Brookdale Community College journalism teacher who had been fired as a result of a news article published in the student newspaper, *The Stall*, of which she was adviser. Patricia Endress was dismissed just three days before she automatically would have gained tenure. She was fired because the campus newspaper printed a story accusing the chairman of the College's

trustees, W. Preston Corderman, of improperly arranging to have the College award a contract to a firm run by his nephew. The story since has proven to be accurate, and it was revealed that Corderman himself was a director of the firm. In addition to awarding Endress her job back, the court ordered the College to pay her \$10,000 in punitive damages.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — (EARTH NEWS) — Responding to recent fears that the earth's ozone layer is being eaten away by aerosol sprays, Commander Cody & His Lost Planet Airmen have formed the Select Ozone Patrol. The patrol is collecting letters of support for Congressman Paul Rodgers' House bill which would ban aerosol spray cans.

To join the patrol, send a letter of support for the Rodgers bill — HR 3-118 — to Commander Cody's Ozone Patrol, P.O. Box 273, San Rafael, California, 94902. Cody says he'll send all the letters on to Washington and enroll you as an official Ozone patroller. A membership card will show up in your mailbox shortly thereafter.

Clams, electric eels replace texts, papers

Try to visualize taking a course that meets eight hours a day, five days a week, plus laboratory most evenings.

That's what two MSU students, James Callow and Johnny McIntyre, are doing since enrolling July 14 in a four-week study session at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Ocean Springs, Miss. The concentrated course which the two biology majors are taking is a general introduction to marine environment.

In addition to this, they take one day out of each week to collect different specimens from the Gulf of Mexico for study during the week. These include crabs, clams, oysters, shrimp and electric eels.

Every other day starts with a four-hour lecture in the morning. The remainder of the day is spent in the laboratory. The purpose of their work is to be able to identify between two and three hundred different species of fish.

Dr. Minter, chairman of MSU's biology department, said that the Research Lab courses are tough. Not only is the studying rough, but the students have to finance themselves. The cost is \$100 per student unless at least 10

students are enrolled, in which case the payment is reduced to \$50 per student.

It's all worth it in the end, said Dr. Minter, because the students work only with the finest equipment in their labs. Anything they want or need is at their fingertips. At present the laboratory is making a request to the Mississippi legislature for a budget appropriation of \$1,799,545 for the 1975-76 fiscal year.

MSU is one of 30 non-Mississippi institutions of higher education affiliated with the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory. It also was one of the first schools to join in the competition to send students down there. MSU has had 14 students in attendance there so far.

To be eligible to take this course, a student must have completed eight semester hours of biology including zoology, and his department chairman must grant approval of his taking the course.

When Callow and McIntyre graduate, they will have many career choices in front of them. As wildlife biologists they will be qualified to teach, go into oceanographic work or into conservation.

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